

### **REMARKS**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed August 7, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-13 were pending in this Application. Claims 1 and 11 were rejected, and Claims 2-10, 12 and 13 were objected to. Claims 1, 11, and 13 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Claims 2 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 14-22 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2-10, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 2 which has been cancelled. Similarly, independent claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 12 which has been cancelled. Dependent claim 13 has been amended to be in independent form and includes the limitations of former independent claim 11 and allowable claim 13.

Applicants submit new independent claim 14 which includes the limitations of former independent claim 1 and allowable dependent 5. The following new dependent claims 15-22 refer to former dependent claims 2-4, and 6-10, respectively.


**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$300 for two new dependent claims and one independent claim. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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